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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

LI ET AL.

Examiner

David Y. Chung

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 October 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 9-20 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 and 21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 7 and 8 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election with traverse of Specie I in the reply filed on October 20, 2006 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that no serious burden exists. This is not found persuasive because a separate search would be required for each of the 3 species outlined in the election of species requirement.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. Claims 1, 2, 4 and 21 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Inbar (U.S. 5,963,276).

As to claim 1, Inbar discloses the projection display shown in figures 2 and 3. Note the light source 80, polarizing mean comprising polarizer 94 and condenser lens 86, projection lens 64, and liquid crystal array (LCA) 74. See column 9, line 60 – column 10, line 61.

As to figure 2, figure 7 discloses mirrors 195 and 197 for reflecting light from projection lens 164. See column 16, lines 9-42.

As to claim 4, figure 3 shows polarizing means comprising polarizer 94 and condenser lens 86.

As to claim 21, the projection lens 64 is positioned downstream from the polarizer 94 and condenser lens 86 and upstream from the liquid crystal array 74.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claim 3 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Inbar (U.S. 5,963,276) in view of Yamanaka et al. (U.S. 6,894,840).

Inbar does not disclose a fresnel lens. Yamanaka teaches that fresnel lenses are excellent in shortening of the focal distance and very effective to suppress the divergence angle of light emitted from the light source. See column 33, lines 35-46.

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Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to provide a fresnel lens because of the benefits taught by Yamanaka.

3. Claims 5 and 6 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Inbar (U.S. 5,963,276) in view of Doany et al. (U.S. 5,597,222) or Cobb et al. (U.S. 6,676,260).

As to claim 5, Inbar does not disclose a relay lens between the condenser lens 86 and the projection lens 64. Doany teaches that a relay lens system eliminates the requirement for a projection lens having a large retrofocus distance and results in relatively less residual lateral color and an inexpensive projection lens. See abstract. Cobb also teaches that using a relay lens allows for a lower cost projection lens. See abstract. Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to include a relay lens due to the benefits taught by Doany and Cobb.

As to claim 6, Inbar discloses a polarizer 96 that would be disposed between a relay lens and the projection lens 64.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-8 and 21 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 7 and 8 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior art of record did not teach or suggest two lens arrays having a plurality of lenses respectively, which are disposed opposite to each other with both being disposed between the light source and the polarization conversion element.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Chung whose telephone number is (571) 272-2288. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday 9:30 am to 6:00 pm.



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